sanctioned for 1102, and comparing the number of shops for 1101 and 1102, whether there is any reduction in the number of shops sanctioned for 1102, and if there has been no reduction, to give the reason for not reducing the number of shops?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar —1102. 41 shops.
1101. 42. (The number 44 given in the answer to question 114 of the last budget session is a clerical error).

The removal of liquor shops from near schools, etc.

108. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state that, following the Excise policy of the Government of Travancore, the liquor shops be removed from the beginning of next year to a distance of not less than two furlongs from schools, hospitals, and such other places of public resort, and if the answer is in the negative, to give the reason for not doing so, in spite of the example set by the Travancore Government, whose policy it has been repeatedly said that our State is following?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—The Member is referred to question No. 119 of the last session and to the answers given to the supplementary questions put by him. The point raised has been noted for the consideration of the Excise Committee.

A Vigilance Committee.

109. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Hon'ble Member in charge of the Excise Department be pleased to state that a Vigilance Committee has not been constituted by the Travancore Government, and why our Government have not followed the Travancore Government in this matter?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—The Government have no information. The latter part of the question does not, therefore, arise.

Illicit distillation cases.

110. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Hon'ble Member in charge of the Excise Department be pleased to state the number of illicit distillation cases annually (a) detected and (b) punished in the course of last five years?

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